

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 PANAMA 06263 092019Z

62

ACTION ARA-06

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SAB-01 INR-05 SS-14 EB-03 L-01 PRS-01

/032 W

----- 046359

R 092000Z SEP 76

FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9034

C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 6263

STADIS////////////////////////////////////

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PN, PQ, US

SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF 429TH PRC MEETING, SEPT. 8, 1976

1. POLITICAL SITUATION: AMBASSADOR PRESENTED BRIEF SUMMARY OF PANAMANIAN POLITICAL PICTURE COMMENTING ON SPATE OF UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORTS AND RUMORS REGARDING COUPS, CABINET CHANGES, FACTIONS. HE OBSERVED THIS WAS SEASONAL PHENOMENON WHICH WOULD PROBABLY CONTINUE UP TO ANNIVERSARY OF REVOLUTION IN OCTOBER.

2. GOP REQUEST FOR PORT INSTALLATIONS: GOVERNOR REFERRED TO UNANSWERED FONOFF NOTES OF JANUARY AND APRIL REQUESTING AGREEMENT TO CONSTRUCT PORT AND WAREHOUSING FACILITIES IN CANAL ZONE FOR EXPORT OF PANAMANIAN SUGAR AND MOLASSES. GOVERNOR NOTED THIS MATTER HAS ALSO BEEN DISCUSSED IN US-PANAMANIAN JOINT COMMISSION AND TECHNICAL STEERING COMMITTEE. IN ADDITION CONGRESSMAN SNYDER IS APPARENTLY INFORMED OF GOP REQUEST AND HAS QUESTIONED POSSIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING SUCH A PROJECT PRIOR TO NEW TREATY. GOVERNOR SAID BALL IS IN U.S. COURT AND PROBLEM WILL HAVE TO BE FACED IN 1977 WHEN NEW PANAMANIAN SUGAR PRODUCTION ARRIVES. PANCANAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND DCM REQUESTED TO PREPARE RECOMMENDATIONS TO PRC.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 PANAMA 06263 092019Z

3. WATER RATES: GOVERNOR REPORTED THAT IDAAN HAS SUBMITTED A TECHNICAL PAPER TO FONOFF REGARDING WATER RATES PROBLEM. PANCANAL NOT AWARE WHAT POSITION IDAAN HAS TAKEN BUT GOP TECHNICIANS APPEAR TO UNDERSTAND NEED FOR HIGHER RATES REQUESTED BY PANCANAL. GOVERNOR WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FINAL GOP RESPONSE FROM GONOFF BEFORE OCTOBER MEETING OF PANCANAL BOARD.

4. POWER BARGES IN CANAL ZONE: CINC REPORTED SOUTHCOM AND PANCANAL PLANNING WITHDRAW TWO ELECTRIC POWER GENERATING BARGES PRESENTLY LOCATED IN ZONE (INCLUDING NUCLEAR PLANT STURGIS). BOTH BARGES SHOULD BE GONE BY END OF YEAR. NEITHER CINC NOR GOVERNOR EXPECT ADVERSE REACTION TO THIS HIGHLY VISIBLE OPERATION WHICH WILL BE EXPLAINED BY THE INSTALLATION OF SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL GENERATING CAPACITY STARTING THIS MONTH. CINC SAID GENERAL DOLVIN HAS BEEN INFORMED AND WILL ADVISE AMBASSADOR BUNKER OF THIS DEVELOPMENT.

5. SPECIAL MILITARY TRAINING: STARTING IN LATE SEPTEMBER AND CONTINUING UNTIL 1977, AIR FORCE SECURITY POLICE PERSONNEL WILL BE BROUGHT TO ZONE FOR SPECIAL ANTI-TERRORISM AND COUNTERINSURGENCY TRAINING TO BE GIVEN THROUGH EXISTING ARMY SPECIAL FORCES SCHOOL. APPROXIMATELY 40 SECURITY POLICE WILL BE TRAINING OVER TWO-WEEK PERIODS THROUGHOUT THIS TIME. CINC SPECULATED THAT RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF AIR FORCE PERSONNEL RECEIVING TRAINING WILL PROBABLY GO UNNOTICED BY PANAMANIAN. JORDEN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** MEETINGS, POLITICAL SITUATION  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 09 SEP 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** blochd0  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976PANAMA06263  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D760341-0322  
**From:** PANAMA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t19760977/aaaacohn.tel  
**Line Count:** 90  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION ARA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** LIMDIS, STADIS  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** LIMDIS, STADIS  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** blochd0  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 27 JUL 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <27 JUL 2004 by ullricre>; APPROVED <28 OCT 2004 by blochd0>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** HIGHLIGHTS OF 429TH PRC MEETING, SEPT. 8, 1976  
**TAGS:** PFOR, PN, PQ, US  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006